

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of June 13, 2008 issued with respect to the present application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to omit the recitation added in the previous Amendment and to incorporate the allowable subject matter of pending dependent claim 16;
dependent claim 16 is canceled;

independent claim 18 is amended to omit the recitation added in the previous Amendment and to incorporate the allowable subject matter of pending dependent claim 33;
and

dependent claim 33 is canceled;

independent claim 35 is amended to omit the recitation added in the previous Amendment and to incorporate the subject matter of pending dependent claim 49; and
dependent claim 49 is cancelled;

dependent claims 2-8, 11-15, 17, 19-25, 28-32, 34, 36-41, 44-48 and 50 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

Regarding Finality of previous Office Action

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's withdrawal of the finality of the previous Office Action.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the obviousness rejections of claims 1-8, 11-15, 17-25, 28-32, 34-41, 44-48 and 50 over the cited references based on the amendment of independent claims 1 and 18 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of pending claims 16 and 33, respectively, and of independent claim 35 to incorporate the subject matter of pending claim 49 (it is respectfully noted that whilst claim 49 is mentioned

in the Office Action Summary as being rejected it does not appear in the rejection titles or text and recites substantially the same subject matter as allowable claims 16 and 33).

Regarding Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowability of the subject matter of pending claims 16 and 33 under the conditions stated in the Office Action.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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